# Welcome to NASA Applied Remote Sensing Training Program (ARSET) Webinar Series

## Introduction to Remote Sensing Data for Land Management

Course Dates: Every Tuesday, May 20-June 17

Time: 12-1PM EDT

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## Important Information

- Presentations URL:
  - Http://arset.gsfc.nasa.gov/webinars
- Contact for requesting recorded link for the webinars:
  - Marines Martins: marines.martins@ssaihq.com
- Certificate of Completion
  - Attend all 5 webinars
  - Assignment 1 download from training website or from the ARSET land webinar website
  - Assignment 2- after Week 4

### **Course Outline**

#### Week 1



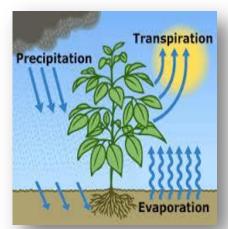
Intro. & Background: Satellite Remote Sensing

#### Week 2



Land Cover
Mapping/Web tools for data access

#### Week 3



Soil Moisture and **Evapotranspiration** 

#### Week 4





**Change Detection** 

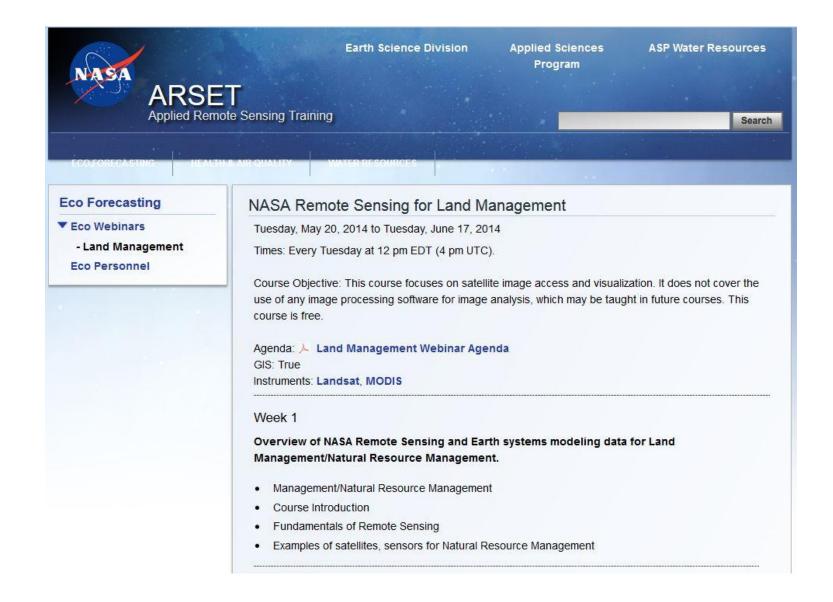
#### Week 5



Web tools for data access/Importing data into GIS

#### **ARSET Land Resource Management**

http://arset.gsfc.nasa.gov/eco/webinars/land-management



## **Your Course Instructors for This Week**

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   Ames Research Center

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## **Outline**

Brief review of last week

- Satellite Data Processing Levels
- Week 2: Land Cover Mapping and Web Tools for Data Access
  - Overview of satellites and sensors (Landsat, MODIS, VIIRS) for land management
  - Satellite data products for national and global land cover mapping

## **Review of Week 1**

## **Global Land Resources: Critical Issues**

- Food production
  - Growing populations
  - Less natural resources
  - Changing climate
- Plant and animal species
  - Habitat loss
  - Declining biodiversity
  - Changing climate



Source: www.icid.org



Source: naturemappingfoundation.org

## **Land Management Issues**

- Treeline/ecotone changes
- Invasive species
- Desertification
- Deforestation
- Urban growth
- Crop management
- Wildfire
- Loss of biodiversity
- Habitat loss



Source: nps.gov Yellow star thistle





Source: NASA Earth Observatory

MODIS images of Rondonia in western Brazil.

## NASA Satellite Instruments for Land Resources Management

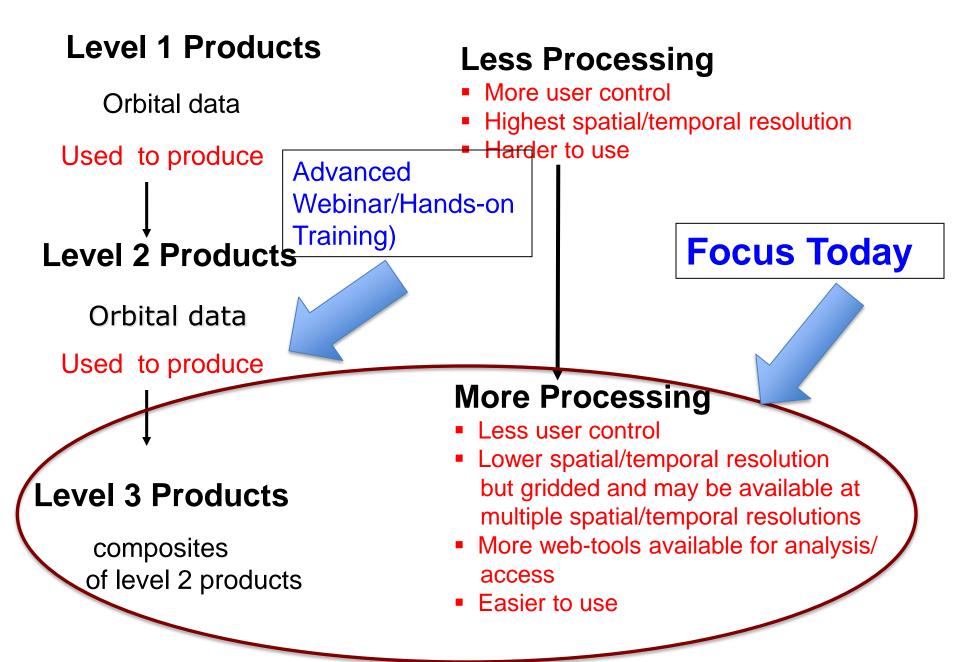
Satellite	Sensor(s)	Spatial Resolution
Landsat 4 and 5	Landsat TM	30m (120 m thermal band)
Landsat 7	Landsat ETM+	15m panchromatic, 30m multispectral, 60m thermal
Landsat 8 (LDCM)	Operational Land Imager (OLI), Thermal Infrared Sensor (TIRS)	15m panchromatic; 30m multispectral; 100m thermal
Terra, Aqua	MODerate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS)	250m - 8 km
Terra	ASTER	15-90m
EO-1	Hyperion, Advanced Land Imager (ALI)	10-30m
Suomi NPP	VIIRS	375-750m

## **Satellite Data Processing Levels**

## Levels of Data Processing and Spatial Resolution

- Level 1 and Level 2 data products have the highest spatial and temporal resolution
- Level 3 and 4 products are derived products with equal or lower spatial and temporal resolution than Level 2 products. Available hourly, daily and for some products also monthly

### **Levels of Data Processing**



#### **Land Resources Satellites and Sensors**

#### Landsat

- Brief Overview (History and Current Missions)
- Characteristics of Landsat Data
- Where to Obtain Landsat Images
- Landsat Derived Landcover Products (national and global)
- Where to obtain landcover products

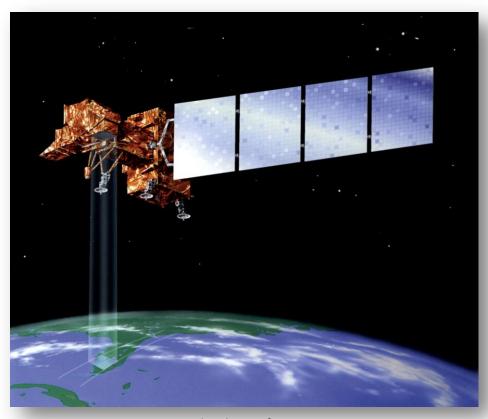
#### MODIS Land Products Overview

- Brief overview
- Characteristics of MODIS data
- MODIS Land Products and Applications (national and global)
- Where to Obtain MODIS Products

#### VIIRS

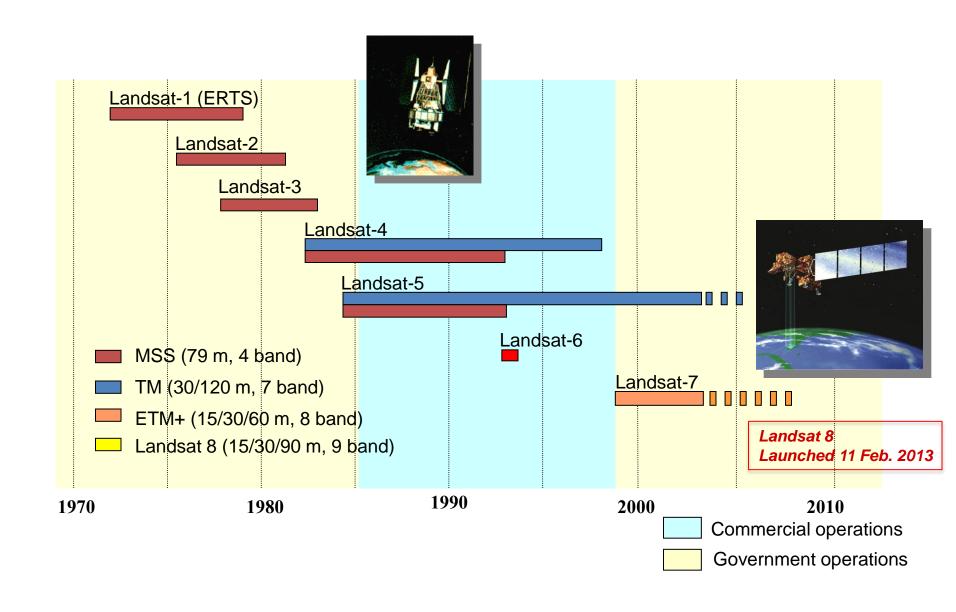
- Brief overview and status of Suomi NPP mission
- VIIRS products

## **LANDSAT**

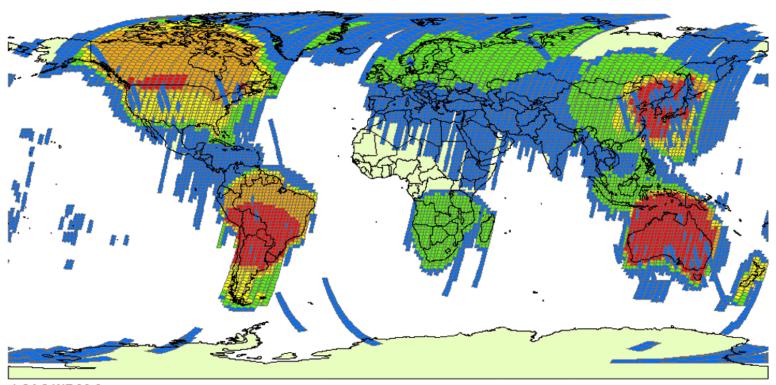


Source: landsat.gsfc.nasa.gov

#### **Landsat – 30 Years of Earth Observations**



### **Landsat Global Archive Consolidation (USGS)**

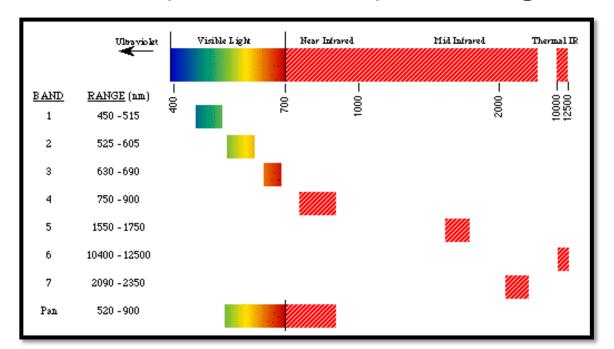


LGAC WRS2 Scenes Status as of March 31, 2014 Acquisition Date Range: August 22, 1982 through March 30, 2014 2,997,011 Cumulative Scenes Delivered 2,832,215 Total WRS2 Scenes Acquired 12,945 Unique WRS2 Path/Rows



## **Characteristics of Landsat: Spectral**

- Landsat instruments measure primarily light that is reflected from Earth's surface (with one exception)
- Landsat instruments are designed to detect visible and infrared (near and mid) wavelengths.



Landsat bands of ETM+ (Landsat 7)

Source: NASA Goddard Space Flight Center

## **Characteristics of Landsat 4, 5 and 7**

Bands	Wavelength (micrometers)	Resolution (m) Landsat 4-5 (TM)	Resolution (m) Landsat 7 (ETM+)
Band 1-Blue	0.45-0.52	30	30
Band 2 Green	0.52-0.60	30	30
Band 3- Red	0.63-0.69	30	30
Band 4-Near Infrared	0.76-0.90	30	30
Band 5- Shortwave Infrared 1	1.55-1.75	30	30
Band 6- Thermal Infrared	10.40-12.50	120	60
Band 7- Shortwave Infrared 2	2.08-2.35	30	30
Band 8-Pan	0.52-0.90		15

## **Characteristics of Landsat 8**

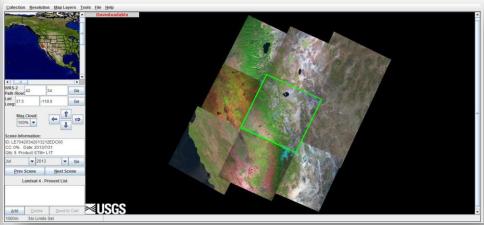
Bands	Wavelength (micrometers)	Spatial Resolution (meters)
Band 1-Coastal aerosol	0.43-0.45	30
Band 2- Blue	0.45-0.51	30
Band 3- Green	0.53-0.59	30
Band 4- Red	0.64-0.67	30
Band 5- Near Infrared	0.85-0.88	30
Band 6- SWIR 1	1.57-1.65	30
Band 7- SWIR 2	2.11-2.29	30
Band 8-Panchromatic	0.50-0.68	15
Band 9-Cirrus	1.36-1.38	30
Band 10- Thermal Infrared 1	10.60-11.19	100
Band 11- Thermal Infrared 2	11.50-12.51	100

## Where to Obtain Landsat Images

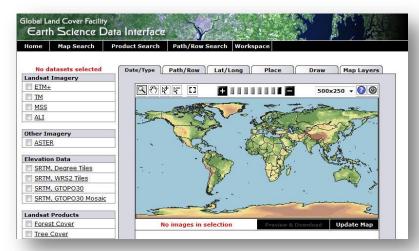
#### The LandsatLook Viewer



#### **GloVis**

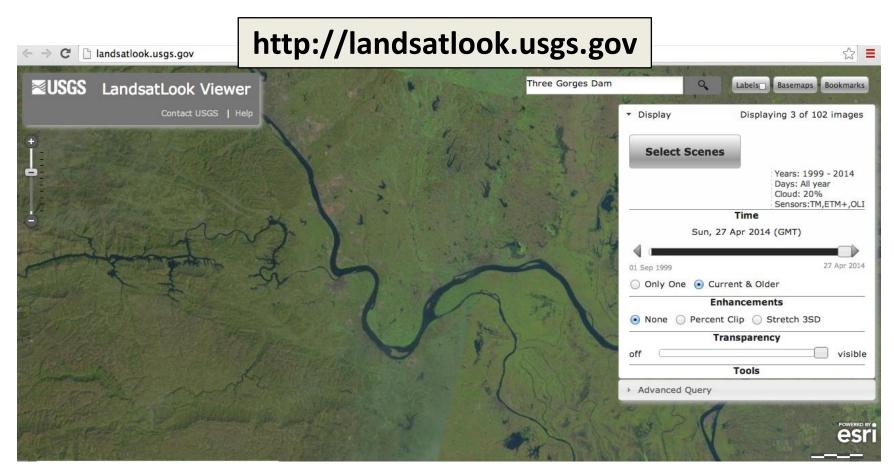


#### **Global Land Cover Facility**



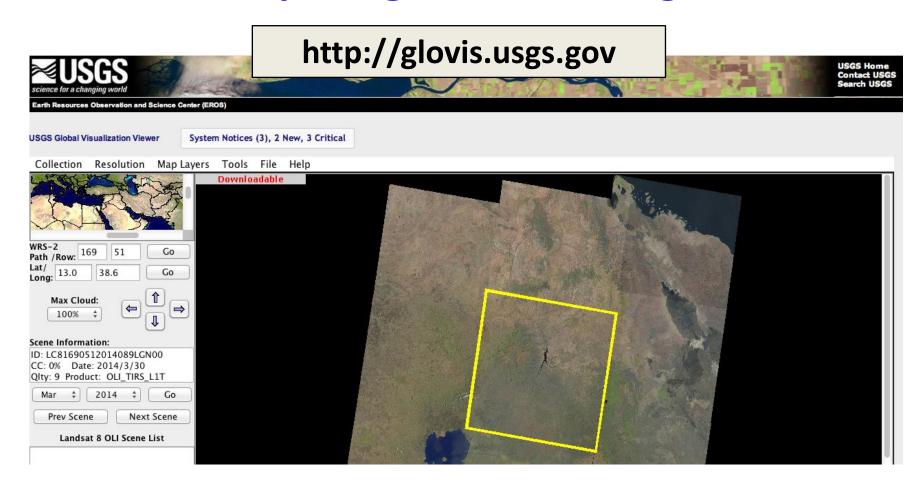
#### **Earth Explorer**



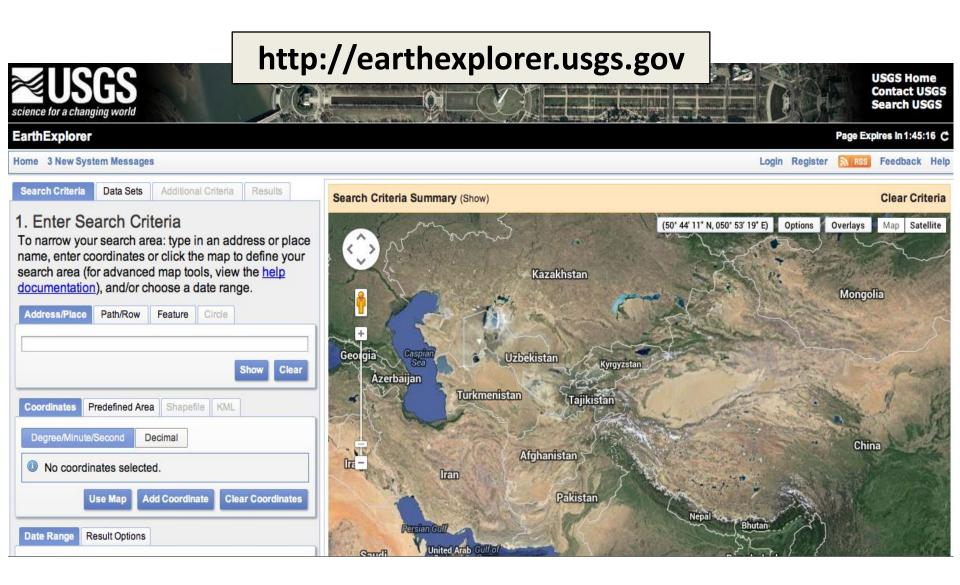


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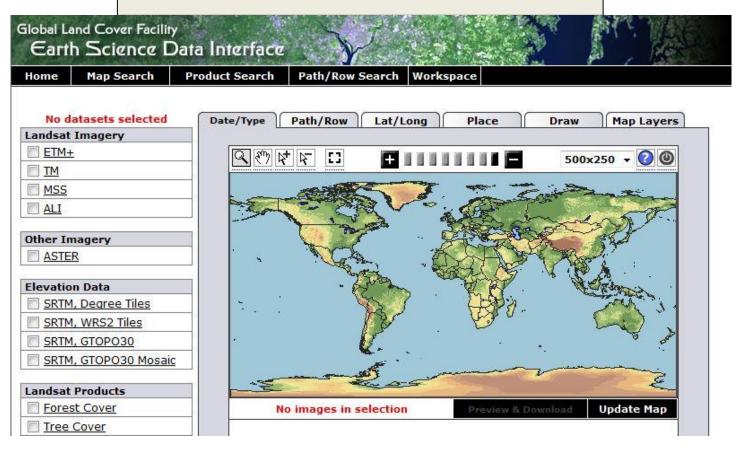
Access to all full resolution natural color Landsat imagery and Level 1 Data products



- ➤ GloVis is a quick and easy online search and download tool for satellite data
- Available USGS data products: Landsat Archive, Landsat Global Land Survey (GLS)

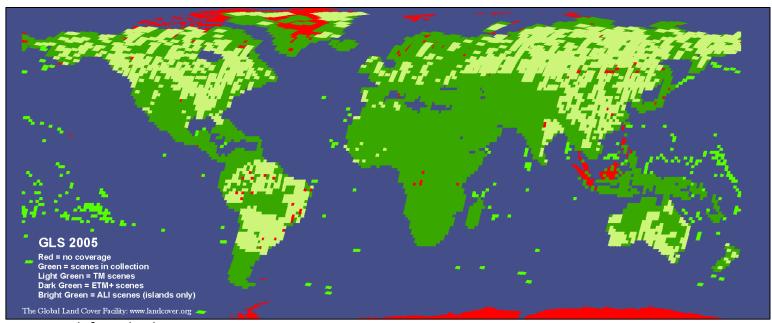


Global Land Cover Facility (GLCF)
http://glcf.umd.edu/data/landsat/



- GLCF developed by the University of Maryland
- Landsat products delivered in GeoTIFF format, UTM, WGS84
- Product Guides, Data Download Guides, and Technical Guides available

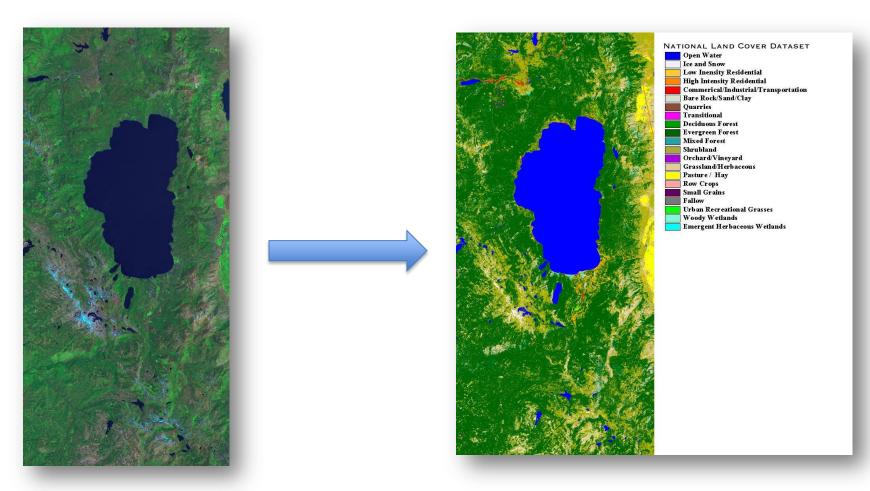
## **Global Land Survey (GLS)**



source: glcf.umd.edu

- Collaboration between USGS and NASA
- Global land survey datasets (uses a global collection of cloud free Landsat images from 1978-2008)
- Each GLS collection was created from the primary sensor in use at the the time
- Time series include (GLS 1975, GLS 1990, GLS 2000, GLS 2005, GLS 2010)
- Acquire GLS datasets through USGS earthexplorer, GloVis, and GLCF

## Turning Data into Information: Land Cover Maps



Landsat Image of Lake Tahoe

Landcover map of Lake Tahoe

### **Landsat Derived Land Cover Products**

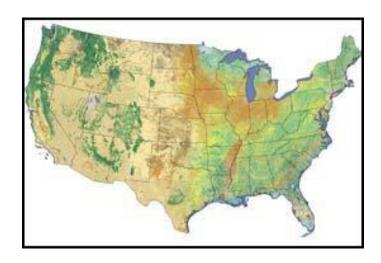
#### United States

- National Land Cover Database (NLCD)
- GAP Analysis
- LANDFIRE

#### Global

- Global Land Cover Network (FAO)
- Forest Change Products (Amazon Basin, Central Africa, Paraguay) and Landsat Tree Cover (GLCF)

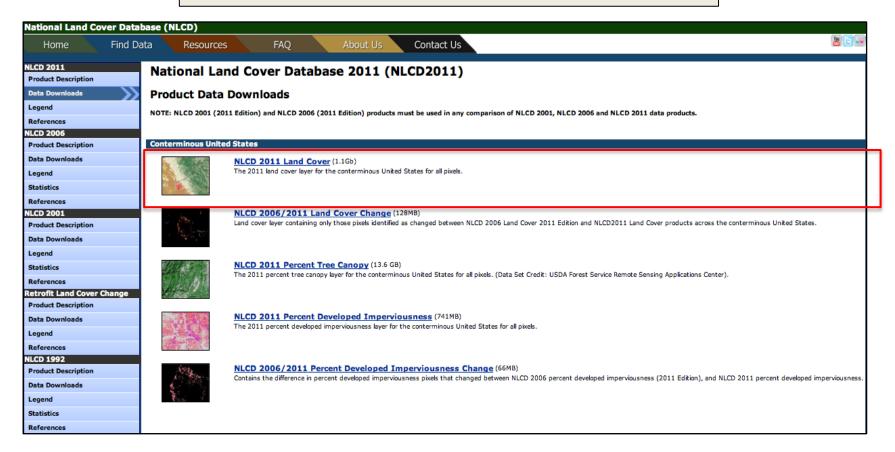
## **National Land Cover Database (NLCD)**



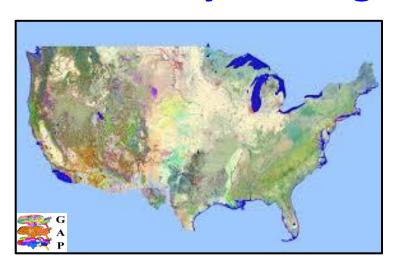
- Supported by the Multi-Resolution Land Characteristic Consortium (MLRC)
- Provides National Land Cover Mapping products at <u>30m resolution</u> for 1992, 2001, 2006 and 2011.
- ➤ 16 class Land Cover classification scheme of the entire U.S. (modified from The Anderson Level 2 Classification System)
- ➤ Other NLCD Mapping products include: Land Cover Change, Percent Tree Canopy, and Percent Developed Imperviousness (1992, 2001, 2006)

### **National Land Cover Database (USGS)**

http://www.mrlc.gov/nlcd11\_data.php



## **National GAP Analysis Program (USGS)**



#### **Products:**

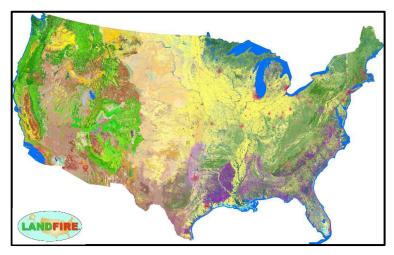
- ➤ Land Cover Maps showing dominant vegetation types (for ConUS, Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico) using Landsat imagery from 1999-2001
  - Focused on habitat identification
  - Uses ecological systems classification system produced by NatureServe
  - IMG and ESRI GRID file formats
- Species Distribution Maps can predict the distribution of each vertebrate species.
  - ESRI GRID and DBF formats
- Land Stewardship/Protected Areas data indicate categories of ownership, management authority, and management status for biodiversity conservation.

## **National Gap Analysis Program**

http://gapanalysis.usgs.gov



#### **LANDFIRE**



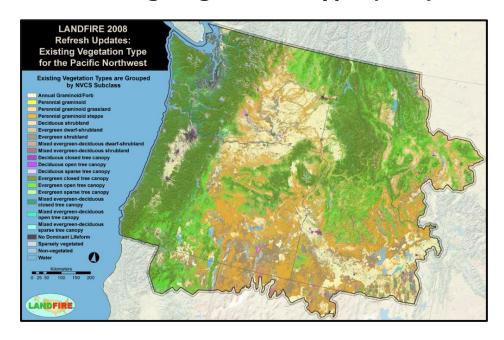
(Interagency Partnership USFS & USGS)

#### Products: Delivered at 30 m spatial resolution

- Vegetation data layers using Landsat imagery from 1999 present
  - Current and historic vegetation composition and structure of the entire U.S.
  - Uses ecological systems classification system produced by NatureServe
  - IMG and ArcGRID file formats
- Fuel and Fire Regime data layers
  - Fire Behavior and fuel loading models for entire U.S. 1999 -present
  - ArcGRID and DBF formats
- Disturbance data
  - Fuel, vegetation, natural, and prescribed disturbance by type and year 1999-present
  - ArcGRID formats

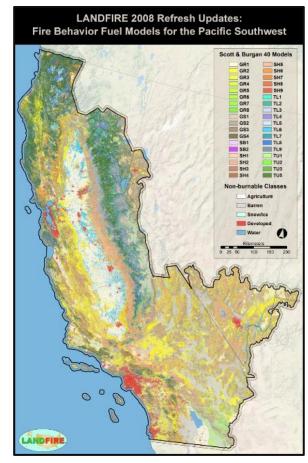
## **LANDFIRE Data Product Examples**

#### **Existing Vegetation Type (EVT)**

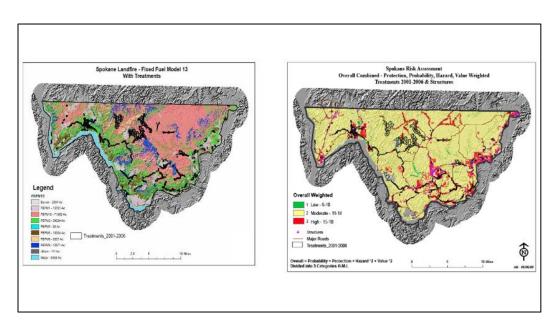


LANDFIRE Vegetation products are used in many different applications, such as, change detection analysis, identifying the nation's major ecosystems, for natural resource management, and to inventory wildlife habitat.

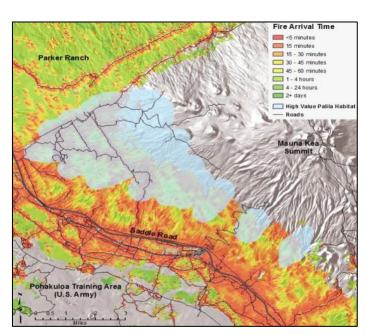
## 40 Scott and Burgan Fire Behavior Fuel Models (FBFM13)



## Examples of LANDFIRE data products being used across the country



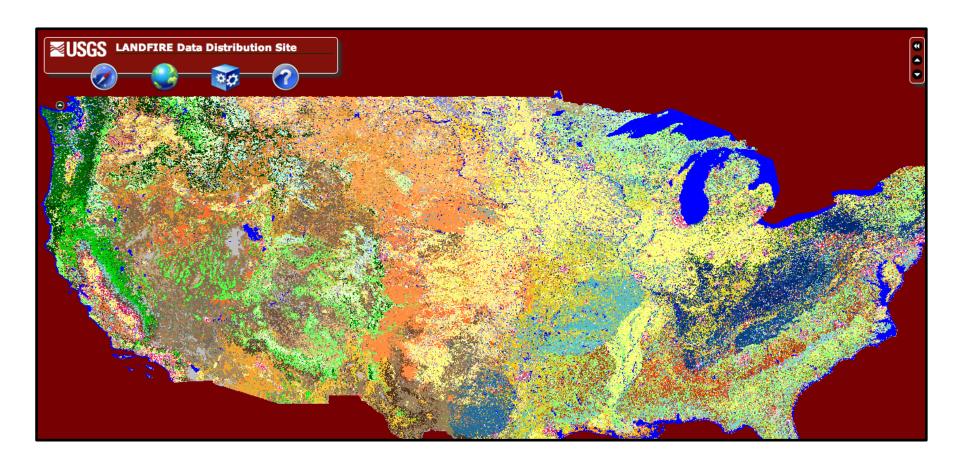
Use of LANDFIRE Data in Wildland Fire Risk Assessment and Fuels Program Planning for Bureau of Indian Affairs, Spokane Agency, Spokane Tribe.



Wildland Fire Management Plan and Critical Risk Analysis for the Hawaiian Volcano, Mauna Kea.

## **The LANDFIRE Program**

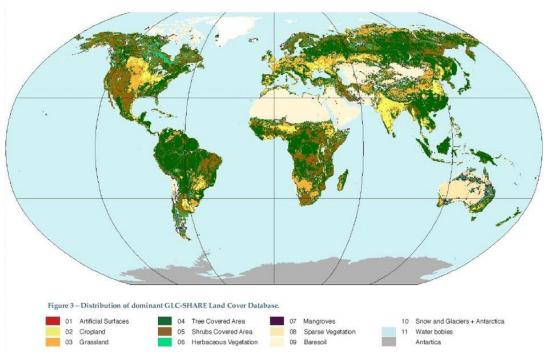
http://www.landfire.gov



## **FAO Global Land Cover-SHARE (GLC-SHARE)**

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

http://www.glcn.org/databases/lc\_glcshare\_en.jsp



- ➤ GLC-SHARE combines "best available" high resolution national, regional and/or subnational land cover databases
- Produced with a resolution of 30 arc-second (~ 1 sq. km.)
- 11 land cover classes
- Beta-release 1.0

### **Landsat Tree Cover**

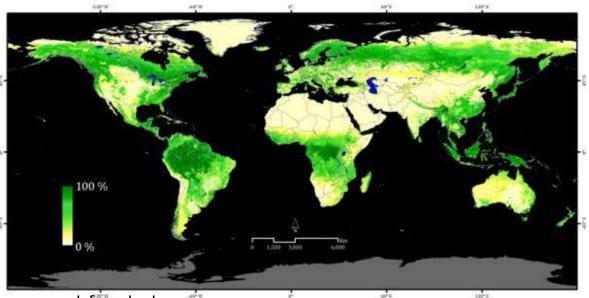
Global Land Cover Facility

www.landcover.org

Landsat Tree Cover 💡

**Global Land Cover Facility (GLCF)** 

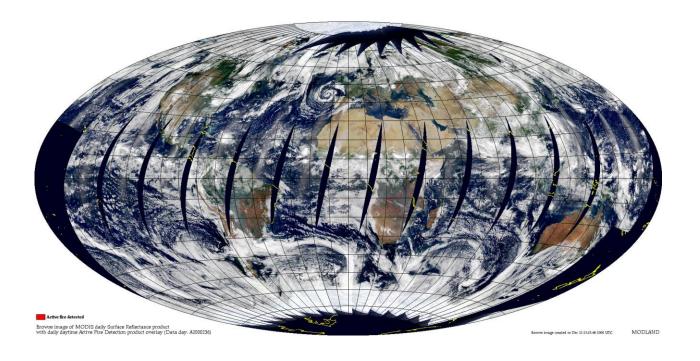
http://glcf.umd.edu/data/landsatTreecover/



source: glcf.umd.edu

- ➤ Landsat Tree Cover layers estimate the percent of tree cover per 30m pixel area (includes stems, branches, leaves greater than 5 meters in height)
- Derived from all seven bands of Landsat 5-TM and Landsat ETM
- ➤ Landsat Tree Cover product represents 2000, 2005

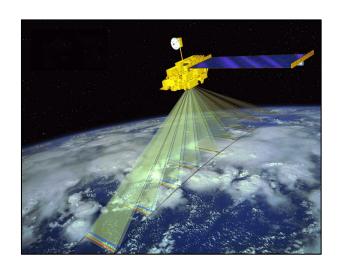
# **MODIS**



Source: earth observatory. nasa. gov

#### **MODIS**

#### The Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer



#### **Spatial Resolution**

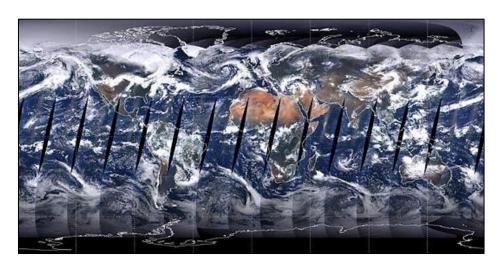
250m, 500m, 1km

#### **Temporal Resolution**

Daily, 8-day, 16-day, monthly, quarterly, yearly (2000-present)

#### **Data Format**

Hierarchal Data Format - Earth Observing System Format (HDF-EOS)



#### **Spectral Coverage**

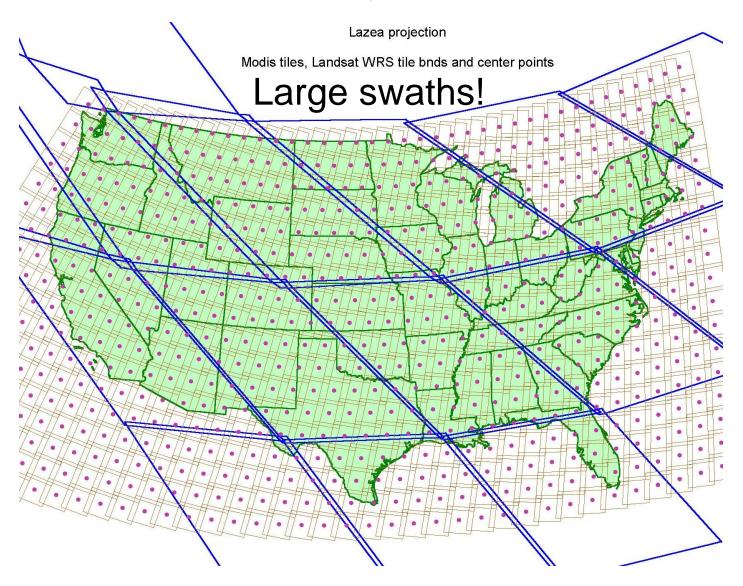
36 bands (major bands include Red, Blue, IR, NIR, MIR)

**Bands 1-2**: 250m

**Bands 3-7**: 500m

Bands 8-36: 1000m

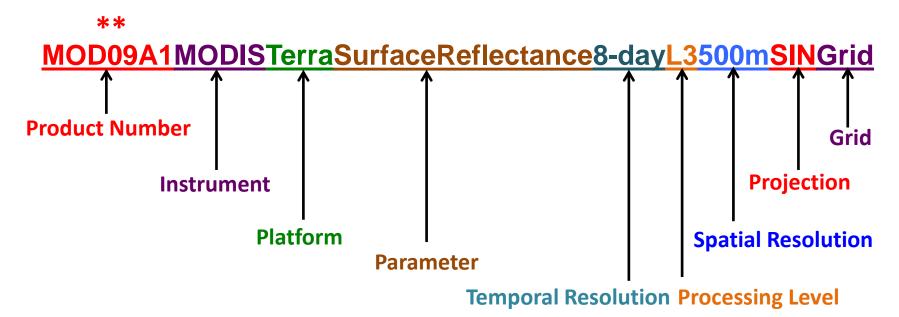
## **MODIS Land Tiles/Landsat Scenes**



#### **MODIS**

#### **MODIS's Unique Naming Convention**

MODIS filenames follow a naming convention which gives useful information regarding the specific product. For Example:



\*\*NOTE: MOD - Terra; MYD - Aqua; MCD - Combined

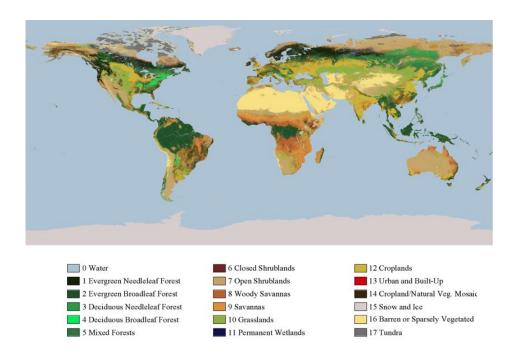
## **MODIS Land Products**

All MODIS Land Products are available at processing Level 3

Sho	MODIS ort name Name	Product Name	Spatial Resolution (m)	Temporal
	MOD 09	Surface Reflectance	500	8-day
	MOD 11	Land Surface Temperature	1000	Daily, 8-day
	MOD 12	Land Cover/Change	500	8-day, Yearly
	MOD 13	Vegetation Indices	250-1000	16 day, monthly
	MOD 14	Thermal Anomalies/Fire	1000	Daily, 8-day
	MOD 15	Leaf Area Index/Fraction of Absorbed Photosynthetically Active Radiation (FPAR)	1000	4-day, 8-day
	MOD 16	Evapotranspiration		
	MOD 17	Primary Production	1000	8-day, yearly
	MOD 43	Bidirectional reflectance distribution function (BRDF)/Albedo	500-1000	16-day
	MOD 44	Vegetation Continuous Fields	250	yearly
	MOD 45	Burned Area	500	monthly

## **MODIS Land Products: Land Cover**

- > Yearly 500 meter product
- Primary Land Cover Type Scheme: International Geosphere Biosphere Program (IGBP) global vegetation classification scheme
  - ➤ 11 vegetation classes
  - ➤ 3 developed classes
  - ➤ 3 non-vegetated classes



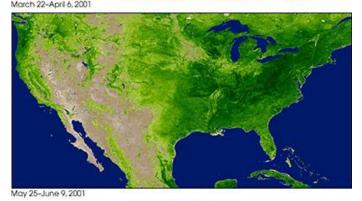
## **MODIS Land Products: Vegetation Indices**

- ➤ NDVI (Normalized Difference Vegetation Index): Ratio between the red and the Near-Infrared bands
- ➤ EVI (Enhanced Vegetation Index): Addition of the blue band to account for atmosphere
- Used for: drought monitoring, phenology (timing of vegetation green-up)

Vegetation index data demonstrates part of the seasonal cycle in the contiguous US during the first half of 2001 Credit: NASA/GSFC/University of Arizona



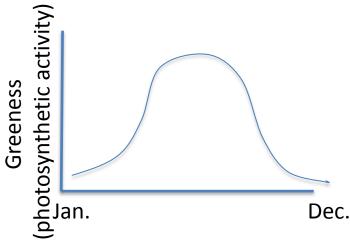




Enhanced Vegetation Inde:

# MODIS Land Products: Land Cover Dynamics (MCD12Q2)

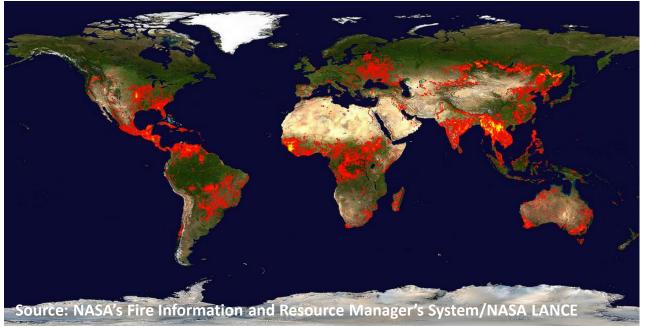
- Informally called the MODIS Global Vegetation Phenology product
- Provides estimates of the timing of vegetation phenology
- Primarily uses MODIS EVI
- Layers correspond to timing of vegetation greenup, maturity, senescence and dormancy:
  - Onset\_greeness\_increase
  - Onset\_greeness\_maximum
  - Onset greeness decrease
  - Onset\_greeness\_minimum



## **MODIS Land Products: Thermal Anomalies**

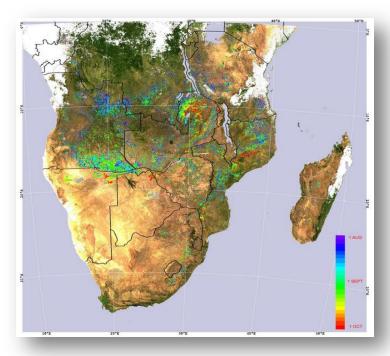
- Provides snapshots of active burning fires and burned areas
- The Active Fire product delivers actively burning locations on a daily basis at 1km resolution (additional 8 day and monthly products)
- Fire product includes multiple attributes such as fire mask, fire pixel table, and maximum fire radiative power
- The Thermal Anomalies product detects other thermal anomalies such as volcanic signatures

Global Fire Map (April 1- April 10, 2014)



## **MODIS Land Products: Burned Area**

- ➤ The combined Terra & Aqua MODIS Burned Area Product is a monthly gridded 500m product
- ➤ MODIS detects the approximate date of burning at 500m resolution
- For more information: <a href="http://modis-fire.umd.edu">http://modis-fire.umd.edu</a>



Example of the MODIS 500 m burned area product for sub equatorial Africa. The different colors indicate the approximate day of the burning detected between August and October in 2000.

Image courtesy of MODIS Fire Team

### Where to Obtain MODIS Products

- ➤ Information on all MODIS Land Products can be found at Land Process DAAC <a href="https://lpdaac.usgs.gov/products/modis">https://lpdaac.usgs.gov/products/modis</a> products table
- ECHO Reverb
  http://reverb.echo.nasa.gov
- ➤ Data Subsetting and Visualization: Oakridge National Lab DAAC (ORNL DAAC) <a href="http://daac.ornl.gov">http://daac.ornl.gov</a>
- ➢ GLCF
  http://www.landcover.org/data/lc
- GLOVIS
  http://glovis.usgs.gov
- Fire Information for Resource Management System (FIRMS) <a href="https://earthdata.nasa.gov/data/near-real-time-data/firms">https://earthdata.nasa.gov/data/near-real-time-data/firms</a>
- Visualization: SERVIR
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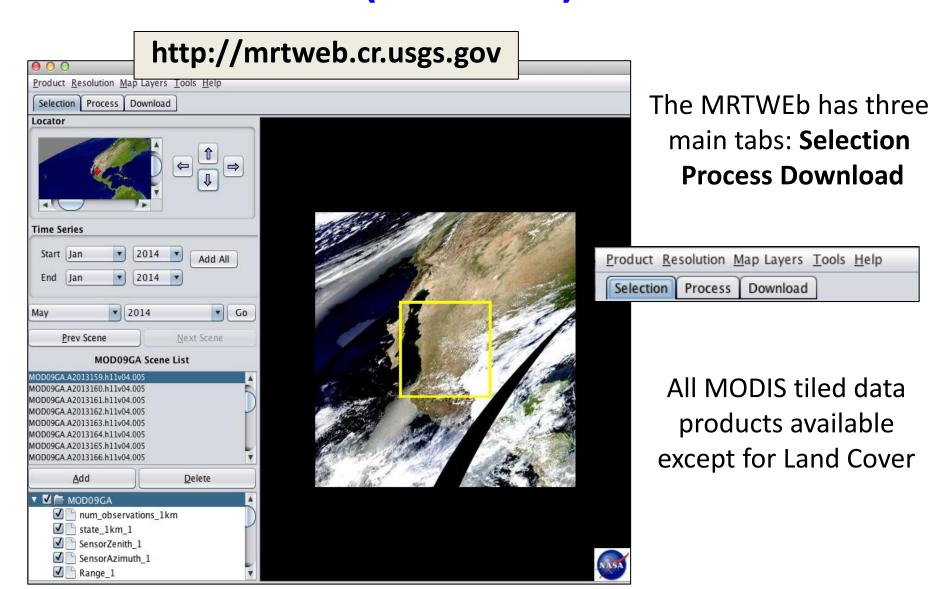
## **Acquiring MODIS Land Products**

http://reverb.echo.nasa.gov



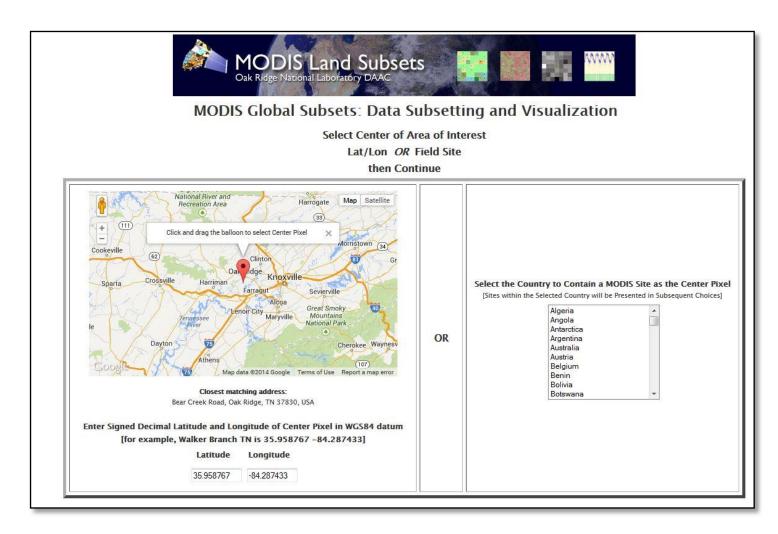
May need reprojection: Use MODIS Reprojection Tool

# MODIS Reprojection Tool Web Interface (MRTWeb)



## **Acquiring MODIS Land Products: ORNL DAAC**

http://daac.ornl.gov/cgi-bin/MODIS/GLBVIZ\_1\_Glb/modis\_subset\_order\_global\_col5.pl/



## **Acquiring MODIS Land Products: GLCF**

Global Land Cover Facility www.landcover.org MODIS Land Cover

**Global Land Cover Facility (GLCF)** 

http://www.landcover.org/data/

- MODIS products delivered in GeoTIFF format, Albers Equal Area, WGS84
- Product Guides, Data Download Guides, and Technical Guides available



- Albedo
- Broadband Emissivity
- Downward Surface Shortwave Radiation
- Flood Maps
- · Land Cover
- · Leaf Area Index
- Vegetation Continuous Fields (VCF)
- Vegetative Cover Conversion (VCC)
- Vegetation Index (NDVI)
- Water Mask

## **Acquiring MODIS Land Products: FIRMS**

- MODIS global Fire Maps
- FIRMS delivers global MODIS active fire data and Monthly Burned Area Product in easily downloadable formats.

https://earthdata.nasa.gov/data/near-real-time-data/firms

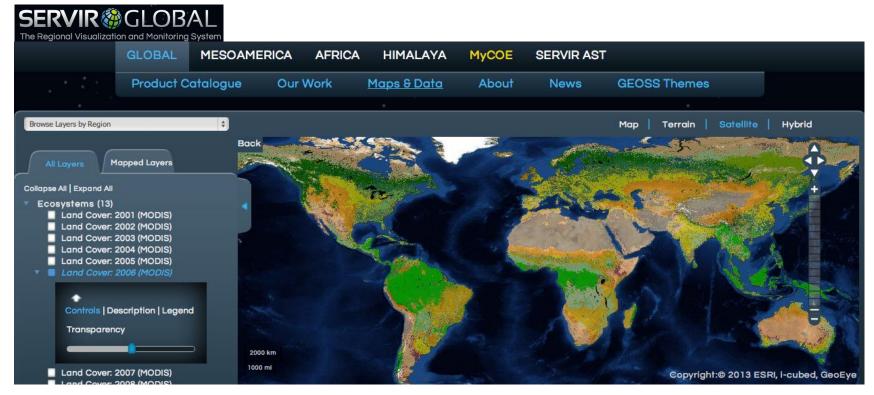


## **Visualizing MODIS Land Products**

https://www.servirglobal.net/Global/MapsData/InteractiveMapper.aspx

#### SERVIR - The Regional Visualization and Monitoring System Interactive Mapper

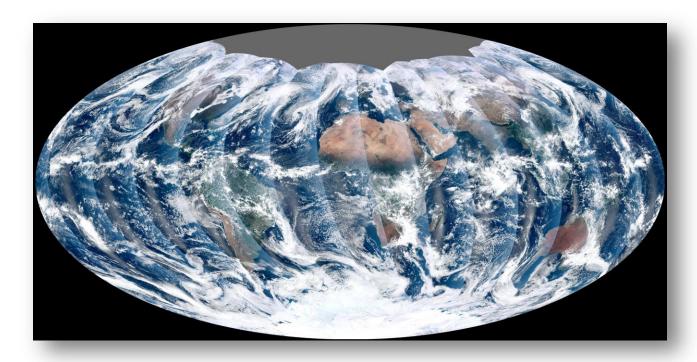
- Allows for visualization and analysis of MODIS Land Products
- Downloading not available through viewer; printing and exporting analysis maps available



Displaying MODIS global Land Cover 2006



#### Presented by Dr. Jennifer Dungan, NASA Ames Research Center



First global image from VIIRS

Source: earthobservatory.nasa.gov

## **MODIS/VIIRS Transition**

#### Aqua MODIS



Credit: NASA/Reto Stöckli

#### Suomi NPP VIIRS



Credit: NASA/NOAA/GSFC/Suomi NPP/VIIRS/Norman Kuring

## **VIIRS**

## Visible Infrared Imaging Radiometer Suite

#### **Spatial Resolution**

375 km, 750 km

#### **Temporal Resolution**

Daily, 8-day, 16-day, monthly, quarterly, yearly (2012-present)

#### **Data Format**

Hierarchal Data Format – HDF5

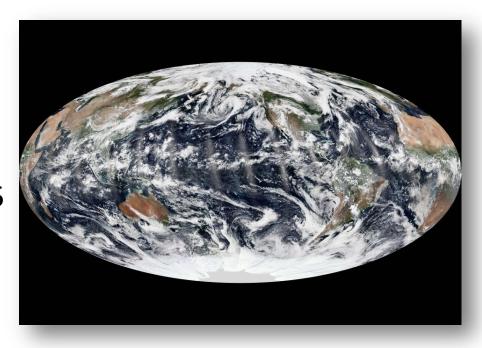
#### **Spectral Coverage**

22 bands (major bands include Red, Blue, IR, NIR, MIR)

"I" Bands: 375m

"M" Bands: 750m

Day-night band: 800m



## **VIIRS/MODIS Corresponding Spectral Bands**

VIIRS Band	Spectral Range (μm)	Nadir HSR (m)	MODIS Band(s)	Spectral Range (μm)	Nadir HSR (m)
DNB	0.500 - 0.900				
M1	0.402 - 0.422	750	8	0.405 - 0.420	1000
M2	0.436 - 0.454	750	9	0.438 - 0.448	1000
М3	0.478 - 0.498	750	3 10	0.459 - 0.479 0.483 - 0.493	500 10000
M4	0.545 - 0.565	750	4 12	0.545 - 0.565 0.546 - 0.556	500 1000
I1	0.600 - 0.680	375	1	0.620 - 0.670	250
M5	0.662 - 0.682	750	13 14	0.662 - 0.672 0.673 - 0.683	1000 1000
M6	0.739 – 0.754	750	15	0.743 - 0.753	1000
I2	0.846 – 0.885	375	2	0.841 – 0.876	250
M7	0.846 – 0.885	750	16 2	0.862 - 0.877 0.841 - 0.876	1000 250
M8	1.230 – 1.250	750	5	SAME	500
M9	1.371 – 1.386	750	26	1.360 – 1.390	1000
I3	1.580 – 1.640	375	6	1.628 – 1.652	500
M10	1.580 – 1.640	750	6	1.628 – 1.652	500
M11	2.225 – 2.275	750	7	2.105 – 2.155	500
14	3.550 – 3.930	375	20	3.660 - 3.840	1000
M12	3.660 - 3.840	750	20	SAME	1000
M13	3.973 – 4.128	750	21 22	3.929 – 3.989 3.929 – 3.989	1000 1000
M14	8.400 – 8.700	750	29	SAME	1000
M15	10.263 11.263	750	31	10.780 – 11.280	1000
15	10.500 – 12.400	375	31 32	10.780 – 11.280 11.770 – 12.270	1000 1000
M16	11.538 – 12.488	750	32	11.770 – 12.270	1000

## **MODIS-VIIRS Transition Issues**

#### **Spectral characteristics:**

MODIS and VIIRS bands used for land products have similar but not identical spectral characteristics

Tungsten oxide contamination in VIIRS bands I2 and M7

#### **Spatial characteristics:**

VIIRS has Improved spatial resolution at swath edge VIIRS 375m vs. MODIS 250m resolution for vis/NIR bands

#### **Algorithms:**

Different sets of standard products (no TOC NDVI EDR)
Algorithm changes from MODIS to VIIRS for some standard products
Different cloud and aerosol filtering
Different compositing periods
MODAPS vs. IDPS

Differences in gridding Reprocessing not available from IDPS

#### **Data distribution:**

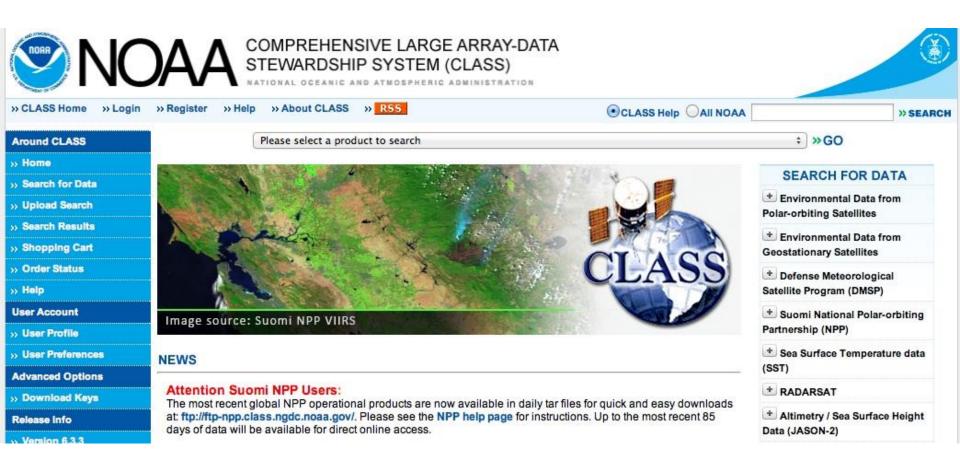
MODIS data pools vs. NOAA CLASS MODIS products in HDF4, VIIRS products in HDF5

## **VIIRS Land Products**

- Called "Environmental Data Records" by NOAA
- Include:
  - Active fires
  - Albedo (surface)
  - Land Surface Temperature
  - Surface type (not yet produced)
  - Vegetation index (Top-of-Canopy Enhanced Vegetation Index and Top-of-Atmosphere Normalized Difference Vegetation Index)

## **Acquiring VIIRS Land Products**

http://www.class.ncdc.noaa.gov/

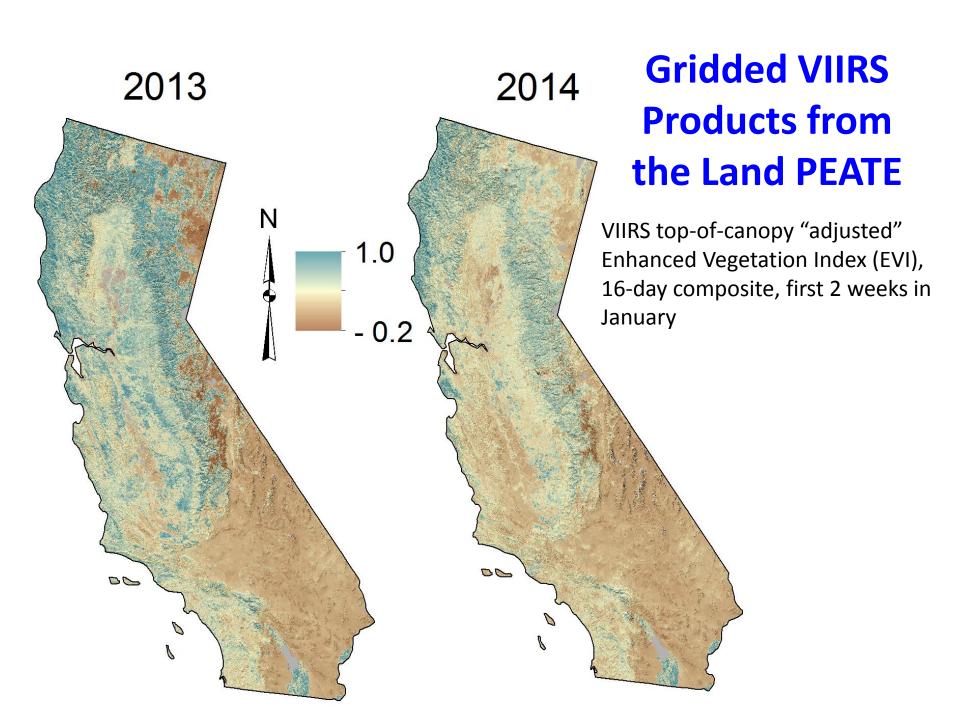


## **Acquiring VIIRS Land Products**



www. ladsweb.nascom.nasa.gov/data/search.html

- Includes VIIRS products generated by NASA
- Select "Level 3 tiled products" from Collection 1.1 for the most current products as of May, 2014



## Coming up next week!

Week 3 (3 June 2014)

Soil Moisture and Evapotranspiration

In the coming weeks, please feel free to suggest specific demonstrations of portals or use of data that you might be interested in for WEEK 5.

# Thank You!

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